



20 Years of Supporting Women in Engineering Meet CEMF's 2010 \$15,000 Claudette MacKay-Lassonde Winner

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(Renfrew, Ontario): As we mark our 20th Anniversary, the Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation is thrilled and proud to announce the winner of the 2010 Claudette MacKay-Lassonde PhD Scholarship. This prestigious \$15,000 scholarship is awarded to the most promising female student in a graduate engineering program at the PhD level in Canada. This year's winner is a remarkable woman, a strong role model and ambassador for the engineering profession.

Louise Meunier from Sydenham, Ontario, is a PhD student at the **Royal Military College (RMC)** in Kingston, Ontario. Louise earned her Bachelor's in mechanical engineering from RMC, where she was one of the first women accepted in the regular officer training plan. She is a registered professional engineer and has spent 20 years as an aerospace engineer with the Canadian Forces during which time she was awarded two special commendations as well as a Canadian Forces Decoration. Louise is currently an environmental engineering PhD candidate where her research is focusing on estimating the bioaccessibility of soil contaminants for applications in risk assessments.

In her free time, Louise stays in shape and spends time swimming, running and playing soccer throughout the year. She has also been a keynote speaker for Go Eng GIRL as well as volunteered as a science representative in local schools performing science demonstrations for primary and high school students.

“We are excited and proud to be marking our 20th Anniversary this year, and celebrating the over 100 Canadian women who have been awarded undergraduate, master's and PhD scholarships along with the over 600 applicants who have strived to win one of our scholarships since 1990,” says president Suzelle Barrington. “Our 2010 winners join an elite group of women who are role models and ambassadors for the profession. To Louise, on behalf of the Board of Directors and our judges, congratulations! We look forward to celebrating your incredible achievement in Vancouver in May.”

Along with the scholarship, Ms. Meunier will be a guest at the CEMF Annual Awards Luncheon in Vancouver during the Annual General Meeting of Engineers Canada being held on May 28, 2010.

Since 1990, the Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation has been promoting engineering as a career choice for young Canadian women through its extensive scholarship program, a website that attracts hundreds of new visitors a month, social media programming, and national public relations and marketing campaigns and scholarship winner presentations to high school students.

The Foundation provides a total of 13 scholarships every year at all university degree levels.

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Backgrounder attached.

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